

Mayor Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Also in attendance: Members of the Land Use Board: Mellick, Smith, Healy, Viotto, Lubsen

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Kovach read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to approve the Executive Session minutes of April 23, 2019 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS – APRIL

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to approve the monthly reports for the month of April as submitted:

Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Construction Control/ Inspection Report, Cat & Dog Licensing, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Tax Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Zoning Officer Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. John Madden, 9 Fairview, asked Council if they would be discussing the designation of the South Branch Raritan River as a category one waters. Mayor Kovach stated that the topic is on the agenda to be addressed this evening.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

1. Summer hours will go into effect beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday office closes at 3:00 p.m. Holiday hours: closing 2 hours early, 2:30 p.m. Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.
2. Mayor Kovach received a citizen involvement application from Chesley Snider, 10 Hickory Court, interested in the Alternate Position of the Land Use Board. A motion was made by Ms. Dineen seconded by Ms. Karsh to appoint Mr. Snider to the position.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

DISCUSSION – MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Mayor Kovach asked the Land Use Board members to attend this evening to be part of the discussion regarding medical marijuana and to understand where New Jersey is at this time with reference to cultivation, dispensaries, and distribution. Mr. Hugh O’Bierne, Cannabis Business Executive, attended this evening at the request of Mayor Kovach. Extremely knowledgeable of the process and the law, Mr. O’Bierne gave a detailed overview of the current status of dispensaries, cultivation and distribution. The audio will be available on the website for anyone interested. Town Planner, Jim Kyle, offered a presentation on the “silver screen” to depict where the boundaries would be in regards to schools, churches, and other facilities that would fall within the 1,000 ft. radius.

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Healy, to adjourn this portion of the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #19-06

A motion was made by Ms. Intrabartola, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #19-06:

ORDINANCE #19-06

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$157,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Karsh to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Dineen to adopt Ordinance #19-06 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #19-07

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to open the public hearing of Ordinance #19-07:

ORDINANCE #19-07

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$183,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL WATER SURPLUS FOR WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Ordinance #19-07 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #19-08

A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Karsh to open the public hearing of Ordinance #19-08:

ORDINANCE #19-08

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON SEWER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$118,000.00 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

There being no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Johnson, to close the public portion of the meeting.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Ordinance #19-08 on final reading.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #19-09

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to introduce Ordinance #19-09 as submitted:

ORDINANCE #19-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$520,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$494,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

(the "Town") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$520,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$26,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$494,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Various road improvements, including Helen Road, Hunts Mill Road, Riverside Drive, the upper section of Union Road and Hancock Street, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$405,000	\$384,750	10 years
b) Acquisition of a sports utility vehicle for the Police Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$42,000	\$39,900	5 years
c) Acquisition of a leaf machine, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$73,000	\$69,350	15 years
TOTAL:	\$520,000	\$494,000	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law of other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Town may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.29 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$494,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the

obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be made available to the public and a summary of the ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review edition of May 22, 2019. A public hearing will be held June 11, 2019.

RESOLUTION #74-19 –DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #74-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #74-19

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISCHARGE OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS Barbara A. Repka purchased a home at 19 Woodcrest Lane, Clinton, New Jersey, on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS this home was designated as an Affordable Housing unit in the Town of Clinton;
and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing regulations, Jennifer Dermody executed a mortgage to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority which was recorded in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on March 6, 2014 in Deed Book 2203 on page 391 (the “COAH Mortgage”); and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2017, Barbara A. Repka died testate, a resident of Hunterdon County, and the Hunterdon County Surrogate appointed Paul James Repka as Executor of the Estate of Barbara A. Repka under Docket No. V-4978; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2019, Paul James Repka, in his capacity as the Executor of the Estate of Barbara A. Repka, deceased, sold the home to Karen Cubberly, who has executed a mortgage to the Affordable Housing Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor has the authority to execute a Discharge of the Mortgage given by Barbara A. Repka to the Town of Clinton Affordable Housing Authority.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes

Motion carried

RESOLUTION #75-19 – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL PARK UPGRADES

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to adopt Resolution #75-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #75-19

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS
FOR THE DESIGN OF MUNICIPAL PARK UPGRADES
AND GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Parks and Recreation Commission is desirous to upgrade the playground equipment at the municipal park adjacent to the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly design the playground and required appurtenances, an engineering firm with sufficient knowledge and experience in such design is required; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission received a proposal from Suburban Consulting Engineers to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, at their April 18, 2019 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and approved the proposal and are requesting the Mayor and Council approve said contract which will be funded through the Recreation Trust account; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in order to award this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hereby awards Suburban Consulting Engineers a contract for the design of playground upgrades and grant application assistance for the following items listed in their proposal:

• Item I – Overall Park Master Plan	\$5,900
• Item II – Partial Existing Conditions and Topographic Survey	\$3,000
• Item III – Design Development	\$8,000
• Item IV – Grant Application Assistance	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$21,900

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Town of Clinton Parks and Recreation Commission receive grant funding through the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund, Items V, VI & VII in Suburban Consulting Engineers' proposal will be awarded via a separate resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Suburban Consulting Engineer's and the Town of Clinton Parks and Recreation Commission.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #76-19 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE WATER METERS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #76-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 76-19

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT WATER METERS/DATA RECORDERS
& RADIO FREQUENCY METER INTERFACE UNITS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council;
and

WHEREAS, Contract #47 was awarded for the above referenced items by the Town of Randolph as the Lead Agency for the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the Town of Clinton is an active participant, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has a need to purchase various sizes and quantities of water meters for use in the Municipal Water Utility from the following vendor:

Rio Supply
100 Allied Parkway
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the Town Clerk that sufficient funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, that a contract for the purchase of water meters is hereby authorized with Rio Supply, in accordance with the attached proposal from Rio Supply

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #77-19 – GRANTING CONCESSION FOR TOWN NEWSLETTER

A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to adopt Resolution #77-19. Mr. Phelan brought up one important aspect of the concession, that as part of the approval, a waiver be given as part of the insurance coverage. Mr. Phelan explained that the company met or exceeded all other requirements however the portion of the umbrella coverage was for \$1,000,000 not the \$2,000,000 required. Mr. Humphrey withdrew his original motion seconded by Ms. Intrabartola. A motion was now made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Intrabartola, to approve the concession contract with the waiver to one element of the excess of the umbrella coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #78-19 – HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #78-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 78-19

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Department of Public Works requires the hiring of a seasonal laborer, and;

WHEREAS, the position was advertised for, applications accepted and interviews performed, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Works/Business Administrator recommends that the following person be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$12.00 per hour beginning on May 16, 2019;

Paul Johnson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton hire Paul Johnson to fill the open position at the Town of Clinton Department of Public Works.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Kovach)
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #79-19 – OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt resolution #79-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 79-19

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Clinton has received overpayments for the following block and lots,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to refund the overpayments to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service c/o Centralized Refunds, P.O. Box 9202, Coppell, Texas, 75019-9978, for the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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8	20	Gallo, Thomas J	\$2,703.44
31	7 C1311	Debono, Reno	\$1,993.80

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector remove the overpayments on the above block and lots for the 2nd quarter 2019.

ROLL CALL: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #80-19 – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dineen, to adopt Resolution #80-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION # 80-19

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Governing Body is in receipt of an application for the renewal of **PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #1005-44-001-003** for;

**QUICK CHEK FOOD STORES/SHOPRITE LIQUORS
41, 41 ½ & 43 OLD HIGHWAY ROUTE 22
CLINTON, NEW JERSEY 08809**

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, fees have been paid and clearance has been received from the New Jersey Department of the Treasury;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Clinton Governing Body does hereby approve, effective July 1, 2019, renewal of the above captioned license for the 2019-2020 year and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #81-19 – NJDEP RECLASSIFICATION

In review of the proposed change in NJDEP re-classification of C-1 waters, a report has been prepared on the investigation and findings by the Town Engineer and has been presented for consideration to Gary J. Brower, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Legal Affairs. Additional comments have been presented by John Madden, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, stating that re-classifying will have adverse impact on already developed or underutilized properties planned for development that are served by public water and sewer. The Mayor remarked that the Town would still be responsible for their COAH obligation but on a smaller footprint. A motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Ms. Karsh, to adopt Resolution #81-19 as submitted:

RESOLUTION #81-19

Authorizing Submission of Comments Opposing an Amendment to the New Jersey Surface Water Quality Standards Designating the South Branch Raritan River as Category One Waters

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to reclassify 749 miles of waterways from Category Two waters to Category One waters; including the reclassification of the South Branch of the Raritan River; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification of the South Branch of the Raritan River would detrimentally impact the Town of Clinton and its goal of fiscal sustainability, through limitations upon future growth and could undermine efforts to achieve local environmental improvements and improvements to water quality through reduction of flooding, infiltration and inflow utilizing site plan designs and funding from development and redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification of the South Branch of the Raritan River could detrimentally impact the Town of Clinton and its ability to modify or improve the existing sanitary sewer pump station that is located on West Main Street in High Bridge on Route 513, directly adjacent to the river within the proposed buffer area; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification of the South Branch of the Raritan River would impact the repair and maintenance of municipal roadways located within the proposed buffer area. The permit requirements for this work would inhibit the Town from properly maintaining these roads to meet the needs of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has solicited public comment on the proposed rulemaking by June 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Clinton has determined that the proposed amendments to the Surface Water Quality Standards re-classifying the South Branch of the Raritan River as a Category One stream, if enacted, would not be in the best interests of the Town of Clinton, and has determined that it is appropriate to submit comments opposing the re-designation based upon the adverse impacts to the Town of Clinton;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Council is hereby authorized to submit the attached comments to Gary J. Brower, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Legal Affairs.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

A special event application has been received from Eric Eisenhart of Pro-Activity / Hunterdon Art Museum, to hold an event “Muscle Up for Art” to be held June 15, 2019, on the Art Museum Terrace, the Red Mill grounds and the walkway of bridge nearest to the waterfall. Hours of the event will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Dineen, seconded by Ms. Karsh to approve the event.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST

An application has been received from the North Hunterdon Rotary sponsoring an event to raise money for homeless veterans and the Red Mill “Save the Wheel” to be held Saturday, June 8, 2019, Wolverton Road, Asbury, New Jersey. A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of resignation received from Laura Ochs, crossing guard. A motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the resignation with regrets. Alternate crossing guard, Deb Schaeffer, will accept the position.
2. Invitation to attend an open house at the Family Promise of Hunterdon County on Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. If interested, see clerk for details.
3. Department of Transportation has sent notification that applications are now being received for fiscal year 2020 State Aid programs.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

R. Phelan, Business Administrator

The interview process is taking place for the replacement of Roads/Water employee. Recommendations should be available for council's approval at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Johnson

1. Board of Education – Clinton Public School is happy to announce that there will be three kindergarten classes in the Fall of 2019! Changing the demographics has helped considerably.
2. Board of Recreation – Town Picnic June 8 with a rain date of June 15. Thanks to Kim Rogan and the volunteers for organizing. Help is still needed, if anyone is interested.

Councilman Humphrey

1. Clinton Fire Department – Grill Night, Friday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. Grill nights are the third Thursday of the month till September. Proposed budget for 2019 is \$223,000. Responded to 26 calls for the month of April. CFD participated in a Live Burb Exercise with their partners from the North Hunterdon Fire Alliance.
2. Communications Committee – discussed the top two bids for the website redesign and hosting. Will be making a decision within the next two weeks. The Committee will start working with the design team of the newsletter, setting editorial guidelines for contributors and circulate notifications to town entities to become advertisers. First redesigned issue is due to be mailed and emailed in August. Four issues per year will be funded by advertising.
3. Environmental Commission met and Mayor Kovach stopped by to discuss the proposed C-1 classification of additional rivers and tributaries. April 13 River Cleanup was a success, hauling in a ton of garbage.

The Green Team is working on our renewal of certification for Sustainable New Jersey, next meeting Tuesday, May 21, open to the public.

DeMott Pond grant planting will take place on Saturday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Smith

1. Rescue Squad – 325 calls for April up 56 over last year in April. 742 hours of squad volunteering and 540 hours of training. Last night, May 13, Mr. Smith had the scouts attend “Stop the Bleed Month” at the squad. Allison Ambrose taught the class of 15 boys and 6 adults, not a sound was heard from the group as they were so enthralled with the training.

The Joint High Bridge / Clinton Steering Committee discussed the regional concept of uniting services which is being pushed by the State. It would be a tremendous amount of work that committees would be assigned to do. Next meeting is June 3.

2. Next Water Committee meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 2019.
3. Next Sewer Committee meeting, Friday, May 17, 2019.

Councilwoman Karsh

1. Congratulations to the Clinton Guild for a fun filled Ladies Night! and to the Red Mill for hosting the Kentucky Derby Gala which was a huge success!
2. Economic Development Committee – moving forward on creating an inventory of Town commercial properties and to what direction they need to target marketing efforts to encourage smart growth and sustainable development.

Councilwoman Dineen

1. Shade Tree meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Councilwoman Intrabartola

1. Board of Recreation – Senior Luncheon was enjoyed by many on May 5, 2019 at the Fire House. Third and Fourth grade scout troops helped with serving and clean up. Thank you to the Towne Restaurant for the food and desserts and Shoprite for the flowers.

Town Planner

Jim Kyle, PP, reported that the Route 31 Marriott has received approval and may be opening the end of June or July.

The Land Use Board received a subdivision for the Moebus Tract, public hearing will be June.

STANDBY AND OVERTIME

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the standby and overtime submitted for the period of April 19 through May 2, 2019 attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Karsh, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the bill list attached to these minutes

ROLL CALL; Ayes: Dineen, Humphrey, Intrabartola, Johnson, Karsh, Smith, Mayor Kovach

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Johnson seconded by Ms. Intrabartola to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Janice Kovach